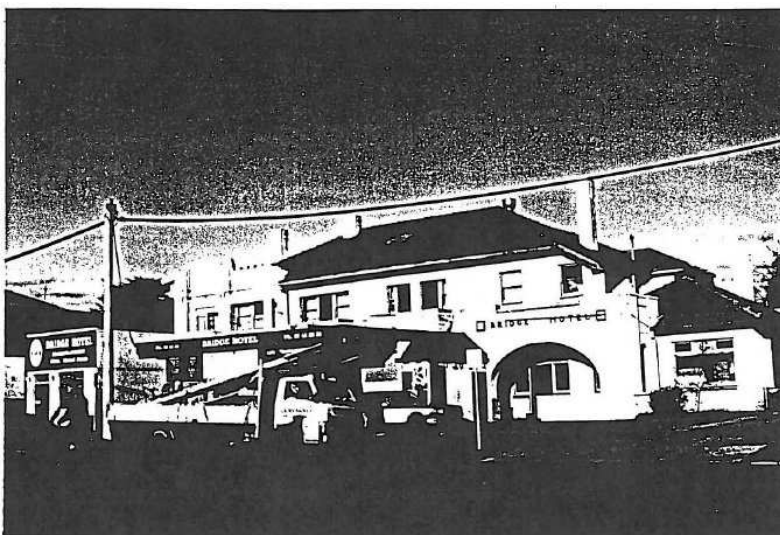


HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

Name Bridge Hotel
Address 197 - 199 Watton Street Werribee **Significance Level** Local
Place Type Hotel
Citation Date 1997



Bridge Hotel.

Recommended VHR - HI - PS Yes
Heritage Protection

History and Historical Context

The Bridge Hotel in Watton Street, on the corner of Werribee Street, was built in about 1926 on the site of the historic 19th century bluestone Camp Hotel. The earlier hotel, which it replaced, was recorded in the earliest Wyndham Road District rate book and was owned and occupied by Patrick Murphy.[1] The old hotel was associated with the Murphy family until the turn of the century when it became the property of the Carlton Brewing Company. It was rated at this time as the Camp Hotel, stables and store, on one and a half acres of land in Watton Street. Michael Balfour was the hotelkeeper, as he had been from the late 1880s.[2]

The new hotel erected on the site in the middle 1920s was named the Bridge Hotel, as it is still known today. Arthur Fry was associated with the changes that took place between 1925 and 1926, when the valuation of the building on Allotments 1,2 and 3 in Block 6 in Watton Street increased from 280 pounds in 1925-26 to 600 pounds (reduced on appeal to 500 pounds) in 1926-27. The corner allotment was rated for the first time in the latter assessment.[3]

In more recent times, the ownership of the Bridge Hotel passed to the Kelly family. By the 1930s, Miss Ina Kelly was recorded as the owner and M. J. O. Dawson as the occupier of the Watton Street hotel on Allotments 1-3 and part of 10 in Werribee Street. The valuation was 430 pounds.[4] There may have been some alterations and additions at this time and more substantial ones in the 1950s when Michael Raphael of Essendon became the new owner. The valuation of the hotel, listed at 201 Watton Street, rose following the transfer to Raphael on 10 August 1954, to 973 pounds.[5]

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REFERENCES

- [1] Wyndham Road District RB 1863-64 No.154.
- [2] Shire of Werribee RB 1900-1901 East Riding No.2950 NAV 70 pounds.
- [3] Shire of Werribee RB 1925-26 East Riding No.867; 1926-27 No.797.
- [4] Shire of Werribee Valuers Cards 1936-1940 No.765.
- [5] Shire of Werribee Valuers Cards 1941-56 No.765.

Relevant Historical Australian Themes

9.5 Local shops and services

Description

Physical Description

The Bridge Hotel is a stylish, 1920s building, with architectural detailing relating to the Art Deco style combined with some more conventional elements. It is a two storey building, externally rendered, with a tiled, hip roof. Leadlight windows and some interior features also remain (although detailed internal inspection was not within the scope of this study).

It is a complex and interesting design. The later addition of a shelter for the drive-in bottle shop is not in sympathy.

Recommended Management

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Occupancy

Private

Site Context

1926 hotel, excluding the drive-in bottle shop and other recent additions.

Statement of Significance

This circa 1926 hotel has local significance as one of the township's major hotels, and as an important township building on a landmark site associated last century with the historic bluestone Camp Hotel. It has been a popular community meeting-place for about 70 years.

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Recommendations 1997

External Paint Controls	-
Internal Alteration Controls	-
Tree Controls	-
Fences & Outbuildings	-
Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted	-
Incorporated Plan	-
Aboriginal Heritage Place	-

Other Recommendations

Wyndham Heritage List Planning Scheme

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